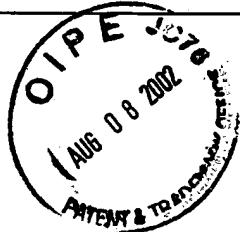


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. a response to the Office action dated May 8, 2002; and
2. a return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents, and return it to our courier.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required in conjunction with this submission. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees are required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-1824, referencing docket number 16517.031. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824 for any fees related to the present submission that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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